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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Title	<b>METALLIC PROTECTIVE LAYER</b>			

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### Response Under 37 CFR 1.116

In response to the final Office Action mailed July 02, 2009, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

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